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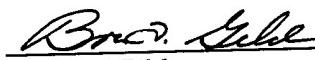
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Application Title: Non-Nucleic Acid Probes, Probe Sets, Method and Kit Pertaining To The Detection Of Human Chromosomes X, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, and 18
Applicants: Krishan L. Taneja
Group Art Unit: 1655
Examiner: Jehanne E. Souaya
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Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam::

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2001 as provided for by 37 CFR § 1.136(a). The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17 for a three month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 890.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.



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